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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices for next week's trading were trending unchanged in all areas. Trade sentiment ranged about steady to barely steady. Demand entering the weekend was slow to moderate at best with strongest movement into fast food channels. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient with heavier weights more available. In the parts structure, interest was mostly fair, slightly better where weekend needs increased. Dark meat was balanced to tight, and tenders were well balanced to close. Wings and the remaining breast cuts were adequate to fully adequate with smaller wings often better balanced. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

Preliminary report Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 24-APR-2006 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

| AREAS | MAJORITY | RANGE | WTD AVG | LOADS |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------|
| Delivered to First Receivers | | | | |
| Chicago | 46.00-49.00 | 35.00-68.00 | 47.37 | 27 |
| New York | 48.00-51.00 | | | |
| Los Angeles | 75.00 | | | |
| Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent | | | | |
| Mississippi | 65.00-68.00 | 45.00-72.00 | 66.65 | 91 |

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 67.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

| LOADS | RANGE | PRELIM. WTD. AVG. |
|-------|-------------|-------------------|
| 928 | 63.37-70.00 | 67.43 |

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

| ITEM | WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND) | VOLUME (000 POUNDS) |
|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| LINE RUN TENDERS | 139.50 | 1,265 |
| BREASTS - B/S | 110.50 | 5,783 |
| BREASTS - WHOLE | 57.50 | 1,357 |
| THIGH MEAT - B/S | 72.00 | 1,115 |
| LEG QUARTERS | 17.00 | 8,766 |
| WINGS | 85.50 | 2,969 |

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged from Monday's final. Whole fryers ended the week on a steady to barely steady market tone. Offerings remained fully sufficient for the very limited trade needs. Retail and food service demand was noted as quiet and generally slow to moderate at best. Floor stocks were in a full range, weights desirable. Supplies of dark meat cuts were in close balance to tight, except for thighs which were plentiful; tenderloins were in close balance and wanted, and all other breast cuts were adequate for the light trade call. The market tone was steady on thighs, fully steady to firm other leg items; fully steady on tenders; unsettled on wings and steady on boneless/skinless breast.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was steady to about steady. Demand entering the weekend was light to fair, instances moderate for active fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was mostly light to moderate. Dark meat was sufficient to well cleared, aided by increased export business. Wings were mixed, but available, and tenders were moving well. The remaining breast items were readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Early trading reported at mainly unchanged to lower prices. Offerings were easily adequate to ample for immediate needs. Sizes trended heavy. Buying activity was fair at best. Retailer demand fair overall, with best interest where features in progress. Trade sentiments mixed on parts with leg quarters showing some strength. Dealers anticipated moderate week-end carryovers.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was only fair for weekend needs. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to fully adequate for current requirements. Retail and distributive movement was reported as light to fair. The market tone was mixed but usually no better than steady. In the parts complex, white meat items were fully sufficient for trade needs. Dark meat items improved with boneless skinless thigh meat noted as usually not being available for the inquiry and held in a firm position.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased a bit entering the weekend and was fair to moderate. Seller offerings were adequate to fully adequate and were in the closer better balance on the 3.00 pound and smaller sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 48 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, leg quarters and thighs were adequate to barely adequate. Breast items were adequate to fully adequate. Wings were ample.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

| | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| RANGE | 41-66 |
| WEIGHTED AVERAGE | (A) |
| NO. OF BOXES | (A) |
| CUMULATIVE | (A) |
| | 04/17/06-04/21/06 |
| | 04/18/05-04/22/05 |
| NO. OF BOXES | (A) |
| | 04/17/06-04/21/06 |
| | 04/18/05-04/22/05 |
| | (A) |

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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| | POUNDS | | | | WTD | POUNDS | | | | WEEKLY | |
|---|-------------------|--------------|----------|-------|-----|---|--------------|----------|---------|--------|---------|
| ITEM | (000) | RANGE | MAJORITY | AVG | | (000) | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD AVG | (000) | WTD AVG |
| BREAST - B/S | 734 | 88.00-155.00 | 90-95 | 97.22 | | 694 | 86.00-151.00 | 90-95 | 96.70 | 3,355 | 97.59 |
| TENDERLOINS | 203 | 92.00-145.00 | - | 95.86 | | 208 | 90.00-145.00 | 92-97 | 95.79 | 1,192 | 98.76 |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | 102 | 52.00-60.00 | - | 54.63 | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | 380 | 55.87 |
| FRONT HALVES | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | 264 | 55.81 |
| LEGS | 148 | 19.00-38.00 | 20-22 | 22.46 | | 268 | 18.00-38.00 | 20-22 | 21.06 | 981 | 20.91 |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 1,312 | 13.00-19.00 | 14-16 | 15.34 | | 925 | 14.00-18.00 | 15 | 15.95 | 3,923 | 15.16 |
| LEG QUARTERS (4/10) | 480 | 15.00-25.00 | - | 19.96 | | 1,315 | 15.00-25.00 | 16-17 | 18.39 | 4,850 | 17.39 |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 240 | 69.00-94.00 | - | 74.42 | | 275 | 65.00-94.00 | 68-72 | 72.85 | 1,175 | 73.75 |
| WINGS (CUT) | 305 | 84.00-96.00 | 90-94 | 90.23 | | 285 | 86.00-96.00 | 92-95 | 91.86 | 1,430 | 90.99 |
| DRUMSTICKS | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | 437 | 29.08 |
| THIGHS | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | 307 | 27.32 |
| B/S THIGHS | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | 486 | 67.17 |
| ***** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS | | | | | | WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS | | | | | |
| TRADING FOR APR 20, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK. | | | | | | TRADING FOR APR 21, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK. | | | | | |

RANGE**TODAY'S AVERAGE**

33.50 - 38.00

35.17

RANGE**TODAY'S AVERAGE**

34.00 - 38.00

36.09

5-DAY AVERAGE

35.35

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying activity was only fair going into the weekend. Offerings of breast items were fully sufficient for current trade needs. Boneless skinless thigh meat, and thighs were well cleared. Tenderloins and leg quarters were in good balance to well cleared. Wings were adequate to fully adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was full steady to firm on thigh meat; improving on leg quarters, thighs and tenderloins. The balance of items were generally steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

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| | CURRENT NEG | | | WTD | | CURRENT NEG | | | WTD | | WEEKLY | |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------|---------|-----|--|-------------|-------|---------|-----|--|---------|-----------|
| ITEM | TRADING* | AVG** | VOL/LBS | | | TRADING* | AVG** | VOL/LBS | | | WTD AVG | VOL/LBS |
| BREAST - B/S | 100-105 | 96.24 | 666,160 | | | 100-105 | 94.74 | 528,500 | | | 95.84 | 2,790,104 |
| TENDERLOINS | 100 | 95.16 | 442,080 | | | 100 | 89.86 | 129,940 | | | 94.49 | 1,037,540 |
| BREAST - WITH RIBS | 56-57 | 64.17 | 106,080 | | | 56-57 | 66.12 | 109,920 | | | 65.19 | 386,160 |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | 56 | 58.90 | 90,000 | | | 56 | 58.00 | 54,000 | | | 58.62 | 400,200 |
| LEGS | 29-30 | 29.17 | 284,050 | | | 29-30 | 26.64 | 189,810 | | | 27.25 | 1,099,580 |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 16-17 | 17.20 | 194,000 | | | 17-18 | 16.97 | 339,640 | | | 17.64 | 1,405,080 |
| DRUMSTICKS | 20-21 | 27.09 | 193,640 | | | 20-21 | 25.38 | 208,240 | | | 24.71 | 777,740 |
| THIGHS | 23-24 | 31.06 | 52,200 | | | 25-26 | 32.59 | 62,440 | | | 31.52 | 226,120 |
| B/S THIGHS | 73-74 | 69.30 | 108,080 | | | 74-75 | 66.52 | 172,200 | | | 67.10 | 599,480 |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 70-71 | 69.86 | 224,960 | | | 70-71 | 77.50 | 224,880 | | | 71.17 | 1,195,944 |
| BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED) | 10-12 | 11.62 | 38,280 | | | 10-12 | 11.90 | 14,320 | | | 11.68 | 109,880 |
| LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS) | 25-30 | 29.32 | 16,360 | | | 25-30 | 26.89 | 17,000 | | | 28.14 | 85,560 |
| GIZZARDS (HEARTS) | 45-50 | 50.10 | 11,800 | | | 45-50 | 50.03 | 22,680 | | | 48.82 | 86,920 |

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

| ESTIMATED | | ACTUAL | | AVG WT | | ACTUAL | | AVG WTS | | SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED | |
|----------------|--|---------|--------|--------|-------|---------|------------|---------|--|--|--------|
| (1,000) | | (1,000) | | | | (1,000) | | | | POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS | RANGE |
| 04/21 | 04/20 | 04/19 | 04/18 | 04/19 | 04/18 | 04/14 | 04/12 | | | FRESH FRYERS | 94-98 |
| Alabama | 4,400 | 4,064 | 3,984 | 4,052 | 5.35 | 5.43 | 2,953 | 5.24 | | ROASTERS 4# & UP | 97-105 |
| Arkansas | 5,285 | 5,342 | 5,294 | 5,425 | 5.09 | 5.27 | 4,629 | 5.24 | | HENS UNDER 5# | - |
| Delmarva | 2,261 | 2,328 | 2,306 | 2,559 | 5.74 | 5.89 | 2,006 | 5.91 | | HENS OVER 5# | 65-73 |
| KY-LA-TN | 2,287 | 2,305 | 2,281 | 2,236 | 5.06 | 5.07 | 2,489 | 5.09 | | DUCKS | - |
| Mississippi | 3,233 | 2,907 | 2,900 | 2,923 | 5.82 | 5.89 | 2,732 | 5.44 | | RABBITS WHOLE | - |
| North Carolina | 3,544 | 2,599 | 2,613 | 2,507 | 6.85 | 6.87 | 2,690 | 6.89 | | CUT UP | - |
| Texas | 2,501 | 2,589 | 2,444 | 2,450 | 5.31 | 5.44 | 2,473 | 5.28 | | | |
| Total | 23,511 | 22,134 | 21,822 | 21,706 | 5.54 | 5.63 | 19,972 | 5.52 | | | |
| Mon-Fri | 110,065 (A) | | | | | | 101,820(A) | | | SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY | |
| Saturday | 2,141 (included in total for date shown) | | | | | | 1,252 | | | DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS | |

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 21-Apr-06 and 22-Apr-06 is estimated to be 35,175,000 head up 17.37 percent from a week ago and up 10.24 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 29,970,000, last year 31,907,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 22-Apr-06 is estimated to be 163,880,000 head up 6.20 percent from a week ago, and up 1.72 percent from a year ago. (Last week 154,312,000, last year 161,112,000)

| | | RANGE |
|------------------|----------|---------|
| FRESH FRYERS | ICE PACK | 89-103 |
| | DRY PACK | 108-114 |
| ROASTERS 4# & UP | ICE PACK | 100 |
| | DRY PACK | 111-118 |
| HENS OVER 5# | ICE PACK | 88-102 |
| | DRY PACK | 102-109 |
| DUCKS | | 185-190 |

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 08-Apr-06 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs. & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs. 5.26 Lbs. & Up

| | THOUSANDS | | |
|---------------|-----------|--------|--------|
| Head | 33,822 | 23,461 | 56,686 |
| Avg Weight | 3.85 | 4.83 | 6.37 |
| % of total /1 | 30% | 21% | 50% |

Comparisons

| | | | |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Last week | 29,243 | 18,392 | 56,528 |
| Avg Weight | 3.59 | 4.66 | 6.35 |
| % of total /1 | 28% | 18% | 54% |

| | | | |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Same week, yr ago /2 | 28,728 | 20,718 | 49,838 |
| Avg Weight | 3.64 | 4.69 | 6.34 |
| % of total /1 | 29% | 21% | 50% |

| | | | |
|--------------|---------|---------|---------|
| To date/2006 | 391,782 | 258,829 | 760,370 |
| To date/2005 | 386,148 | 294,731 | 664,793 |

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

| W/E 15-APR-2006 | YOUNG CHICKENS | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS | DUCKS |
|-----------------|----------------|------------|------------|------------|-------|
| | THOUSANDS | | | | |
| Head | 154,312 | 1,018 | 1,333 | 2,351 | 498 |
| Avg Wt | 5.35 | 3.38 | 8.12 | 6.07 | 6.70 |
| Last week | 162,595 | 1,185 | 1,552 | 2,737 | 574 |
| Same wk yr ago | 158,035 | 1,687 | 1,411 | 3,098 | 493 |
| Avg Wt | 5.27 | 3.39 | 8.26 | 5.61 | 6.32 |
| To-date/2006 | 2,405,480 | 17,966 | 21,537 | 39,503 | 7,621 |
| To-date/2005 | 2,347,664 | 22,729 | 19,823 | 42,552 | 7,596 |

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 156.2 million head, or 7.0 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

| WEEK ENDING | MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED | MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE | PCT | AVG WT |
|--------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------|--------|
| March 11 | 162.6 | 164.2 | 99% | 5.32 |
| 18 | 164.3 | 164.3 | 100% | 5.31 |
| 25 | 164.1 | 164.9 | 100% | 5.36 |
| April 1 | 163.8 | 164.9 | 99% | 5.28 |
| 8 | 164.6 | 163.5 | 101% | 5.34 |
| 15 | 156.2 | 163.2 | 96% | 5.35 |
| Year to date | 2434.8 | 2449.5 | 99% | |
| April 22 | | 164.4 | | |
| 29 | | 166.2 | | |

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

| W/E | 04/22/06 | 04/15/06 | % CHG | 04/23/05 | % CHG |
|----------|----------|----------|-------|----------|-------|
| Broilers | 163,880 | 154,312* | +6.20 | 161,112* | +1.72 |
| Cattle | 621 | 608 | +02 | 600* | +04 |
| Hogs | 1,925 | 1,936 | -01 | 1,969* | -02 |

*ACTUAL

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 17-APR-2006

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

| ORIGIN | FROZEN | FRESH |
|-------------|---------|---------|
| LONG ISLAND | 151-155 | 157-161 |
| MOSTLY | | |

| | | |
|---------|---------|---------|
| MIDWEST | 132-142 | 133-143 |
| MOSTLY | | |

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX) | 46.00-57.00 | 52.00-53.00 |
| VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX) | 57.00-86.00 | 72.00-76.00 |

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

| | |
|--------|-------------|
| 12 OZ. | 63.36-72.90 |
| 14 OZ. | 69.84-81.00 |
| 16 OZ. | 74.88-89.10 |

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices remained unchanged. The trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to instances fairly good. Supplies were adequate to instances fully adequate. Schedules were full time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$3.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-1.95, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.50-0.65, livers at \$0.95-1.70, and feet at \$1.00-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 17-APR-2006

| ORIGIN | FROZEN | FRESH |
|--------------------|---------|---------|
| MIDWEST AND OTHERS | 126-146 | 128-148 |

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - DATE OF AUCTION: 04-18-06

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

| Prices paid per pound, except as noted. | RANGE |
|---|------------------|
| Muscovy Ducks - Drakes | 1.25 - 1.30 |
| Muscovy Ducks - Hens | - 1.25 |
| Pekin Ducks | - 5.25ea. |
| Red Fowl 4-5 LBS | .40 - .50 |
| Red Fowl 5-6 LBS | .70 - 1.00 |
| Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS | .50 - .70 |
| Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS | .80 - 1.00 |
| Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS | .60 - .70 |
| Guinea Fowl | 2.00 - 2.10ea. |
| Banty Roosters | 3.00 - 3.25ea. |
| Banty Hens | 2.00 - 2.25ea. |
| Leghorn Roosters | 2.50 - 3.00ea. |
| Pigeons | 3.50 - 4.00ea. |
| White Pigeons | 5.00 - 6.00ea. |
| Rabbits 4-6 LBS | 1.60 - 1.75 |
| Rabbits 6-9 LBS | 1.50 - 1.70 |
| Bunnies | 4.00 - 8.00ea. |
| Guinea Pigs | 3.00 - 6.00ea. |
| Kid Goats | 35.00 - 45.00ea. |

Total Coops Sold 336

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings of light canners were more than sufficient for the generally light to no better than fair demand; heavier canners were at least adequate to fully adequate with most available supplies being used internally. Demand was light to fair. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. The undertone was steady at best.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| LIGHT CANNER HENS | HEAVY CANNER HENS |
| (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) | (WITHOUT NECKS) |
| 18-28 MAJORITY 23-24 | TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT |

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| LIGHT CANNER HENS | HEAVY CANNER HENS |
| (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) | (WITHOUT NECKS) |
| 20-29 MAJORITY 24.5-25.5 | TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT |

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand ranged light to moderate, best into rendering operations. Offerings of spent hens were fully adequate to instances ample for current needs. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. Trade sentiment was mostly steady.

| | | |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| | RANGE | MAJORITY |
| REMOVAL COST | 4-12 | 9-10 |

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Negotiations were too few to report. Demand was light for ample offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Disposal costs were at least steady.

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|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | RANGE | MAJORITY |
| REMOVAL COST | TOO FEW TO REPORT | |

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal prices ranged unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to ample with demand moderate to fairly good. Rendering facilities were running at maximum capacities as many birds are moved in advance of previous schedules. Trade sentiment steady.

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|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| | RANGE | MAJORITY |
| REMOVAL COST | 4-10 | 4.5-9 |

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant worked desired schedules. Demand was fair. Offerings were adequate.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-APRIL-06

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair to moderate at best for the generally adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week was noted as normal. The undertone was about steady.

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|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | RANGE | MAJORITY |
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING | TOO FEW TO REPORT | |
| AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING | TOO FEW TO REPORT | |
| FOB PLANT | TOO FEW TO REPORT | |

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was about steady.

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|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | RANGE | MAJORITY |
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING | TOO FEW TO REPORT | |

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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